

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
February 17, 2010

Council President Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sheriff Marc Lahrman did the swearing in of the Council. Councilman Reedy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Thompson led us in the Lords Prayer.

Members Present: Councilman Fountain, Councilman Thompson,
Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Hackman,
Councilman Reedy

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Jeff Lorenzo,
Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting as presented. Councilman Thompson seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Reedy reported on the Jackson County Juvenile Home stating that everything is going well.

Councilwoman Hackman reported that the K-9 Control Committee is in the process of reviewing the contracts for Red Sky Rescue and Dr. Harrison.

Councilman Fountain made the first reading of the additional appropriation requests. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. The request is from the CEDIT Fund in the amount of \$150,000.00 to pay claims submitted for the Jail and Detention Center.

Councilman Reedy made a motion to waive the third reading of the additional appropriation requests and approve as on the first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Superior Court I Judge, Bruce Markel appeared before Commissioners requesting that Council make some changes as to what is paid with the Drug & Alcohol user fees. Judge Markel explained that at the present time, insurance, social security and medicare and retirement is paid with user fees. Judge Markel also requested that the county pay a portion of the Translator Salary. Chief Probation Officer Norm Phillips was in attendance and expressed his feelings that other offices that use the Translator also pay a portion of the salary. Councilman Fountain stated that he would like to speak with other office holders who use the services of the Translator before making a decision. Council agreed to table the issue until the next scheduled meeting.

Financial Advisor Eric Reedy appeared before Council to present Ordinance 2010-11 for approval. Ordinance 2010-11 is an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of providing funds to be applied for the purchase of equipment for certain county facilities, improvements to county facilities and incidental expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds. Eric stated that he has compiled a list of projects to complete over the next 3-years after meeting with Department Heads. The total amount for the bond issue is \$1,455,000.00 which is approximately \$150,000.00 less than the prior bond issue. Also, there should be enough funds remaining from the prior bond issue to pay down about two-cents on the tax rate for 2010. When the budget order is received Eric will relay this information to the Department of Local Government. The second reading of Ordinance will be on March 02, 2010 at which time additional appropriations will be requested. Later in March the marketing of the bonds will begin and sale of the bonds should be in mid April. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-11 on the first reading. Councilman Reedy seconded. Four (4) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer abstained.

Councilman Brewer expressed his interest in setting up a Committee to do a salary study for the county. J.L. stated that he feels the study can be done in-house vs. contracting out. Councilwoman Hackman stated that it would be difficult for Council to distinguish which positions are similar and feels that an independent company who knows no prior history would be able to do a better job. Councilwoman Hackman will contact I.U. again in regards to doing the study.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman submitted the jail report for January 2010. Marc also informed Council that he has met with Jenney Harrison from Centerstone and things seem to be going better at least for now. Marc was told by Centerstone reps that they will visit the jail when needed and the county will not be billed extra.

The meeting adjourned

Andy Fountain – President

Debra Eggeman - attest